

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 909 - HB 736

February 27, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a voucher program within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide payment of state approved testing costs for adult education students. Requires individuals to achieve a minimum test score and meet income guidelines to qualify for payment. Requires that the voucher payment not exceed \$75.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$599,400

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, data from 2007 and 2008 when the state paid General Education Development testing fees suggests that approximately 15,000 applicants are expected to take a test each year.
- Approximately 75 percent will score above the minimum required score.
- Approximately 71.04 percent will meet the income requirements set by the Department.
- A \$75 voucher payment.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$599,400 ($15,000 \times 75\% \times 71.04\% \times \75).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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